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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, I hereby certify that I have INFORMATION AND A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEF THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS EXPRESS MAIL, POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW, AND IS ADDRESSED

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application. A fee in the amount of \$790.00 for this request is included. This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for

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the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, up to and including May 20, 2005. A fee in the amount of \$450.00 for a two-month extension of time is included.

In response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed March 8, 2005, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Moreover, the Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper; and the Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.